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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communication Commission  
Office of the Secretary  
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Washington, DC 20554

DOCKET FILE 96-45

RE: USF Certification - FCC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Enclosed for filing in FCC Docket No. 96-45 are affidavits certifying that all Federal high cost support provided to Reservation Telephone Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Reservation Telephone Cooperative has also filed this affidavit with the North Dakota Public Service Commission. It is anticipated that they will also certify by October 1, 2015, that Reservation Telephone Cooperative will only use said Universal Service Support for its intended purpose. However, because of the importance of this issue, and the fast approaching certification deadline of October 1, 2015, Reservation Telephone Cooperative is also providing certification directly to the Federal Communication Commission to ensure that Reservation Telephone Cooperative continues to receive the Universal Service Support for which we are eligible.

Sincerely,

Shane D. Hart, CEO/General Manager  
RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

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RE: USF Certification – Case Nos. PU-439-01-460 and PU-439-02-441

Dear Commission:

Enclosed for filing in accordance with the Commission's order of August 28, 2002, in the above referenced proceeding, is an affidavit certifying that all Federal high cost support provided to Reservation Telephone Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. In making this filing, Reservation Telephone Cooperative is at this time neither contesting nor conceding the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Public Service Commission to act in this proceeding.

Sincerely,

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**BEFORE THE NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO.  
PU-439-02-441 AND BEFORE THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
IN DOCKET NO. 96-45**

**AFFIDAVIT OF RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE REGARDING  
CERTIFICATION OF USE OF FEDERAL UNIVERSAL SERVICE SUPPORT**

State of North Dakota       )  
  ) ss.  
County Of Mountrail        )

Shane D. Hart, being first duly sworn on oath, does hereby declare and state upon affiant's own personal knowledge as follows:

1. Affiant is employed by Reservation Telephone Cooperative (hereinafter, the "company"), in the position of CEO/General Manager.
2. The Company is an eligible telecommunications carrier within the meaning of Section 214(e) of the Federal Telecommunication Act of 1996 (hereinafter, the "ACT"), and the Company is eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service support (hereinafter, the "Support") pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Act. The North Dakota Public Service Commission (hereinafter, the "NDPSC") has designated the Company as an eligible telecommunications carrier.
3. Affiant is personally familiar with all of the Support received by the Company and with how the Company uses all of Support that it receives.
4. The Company is filing this affidavit in compliance with the order of the Federal Communication Commission (hereinafter, "FCC") dated May 23, 2001 in Docket Number 96-45 (FCC 01-157) (hereinafter, the "Order"), as codified in 47 C.F.R. § 54.314, which requires certification to the FCC that all federal Support will be used by carriers within each state only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, as required by Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company is also filing this affidavit in compliance with the Orders of the NDPSC dated August 28, 2001, in Case No. PU-439-01-460 and dated August 28, 2002, in Case No. PU-439-02-441. This affidavit is filed to facilitate the Company's receipt of federal Support for all four quarters of 2014, and for all quarters thereafter.

Federal high cost support provided to Reservation Telephone Cooperative was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the coming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the Support is intended pursuant to and consistent with Section 254(e) of the Act and 47 C.F.R. § 54.7. The Company will use the Support to support the following services, as designated in 47 C.F.R. § 54.101, throughout the Company's study area: (a) voice grade access to the public switched network; (b) local usage; (c) dual-tone multi-frequency signaling or its functional equivalent; (d) single-party service or its functional equivalent; (e) access to emergency services; (f) access to operator services; (g) access to interexchange service; (h) access to directory assistance; and (i) toll limitation for qualifying low income consumers.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

RESERVATION TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE

By Shane D Hart  
Shane D. Hart  
Its: CEO/General Manager

State of North Dakota)  
  )ss.  
County of Mountrail     )

On this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Shane D. Hart, known to me to be the CEO/General Manager of Reservation Telephone Cooperative, the corporation that is described in and that executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that such corporation executed the same.

Monica M. Bangen  
\_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public  
For the State of North Dakota  
My commission expires: 4-25-2017

